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A. SOVIET UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS (See Annexes A, B and C)

the Soviets had approximately 9,000 troops or three divisions stationed in and around CONSTANTIA

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1. Unidentified Soviet Caserne (See item 1, Annex A)

in the area bordered by Strada Stalin (formerly Strada Carol I), Strada Benatului, Strada Mihael Colatu, Strada Ion Lahovuri and Strada Valea Alba were stationed tank, artillery, engineer and infantry units. the most prevalent shoulderboard color was black, and he assumed that this indicated tank personnel.³

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2. Unidentified Soviet Caserne (See item 2, Annex A)

directly east of the caserne indicated above, across Strada Stalin and bounded by Strada Crisanel, Strada Forcieri and Strada Valea Alba, were billeted Soviet mechanized personnel. motorcycles, trucks and a few armored cars inside the compound area.

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3. Unidentified Soviet Caserne (See item 3, Annex A)

Directly south from the caserne reported above (#1) and directly across Strada Valea Alba, further bounded by Strada Stalin, Strada Ion Lahovari and Strada Calarasilor was located

a Soviet tank caserne.

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4. Soviet Officer and Dependent Quarters (See item 4, Annex A)

on Strada Stalin, between Strada Calarasilor and Boulevardul Lenin (formerly Boulevardul Regina Maria), was located

Soviet officer and dependent quarters for company-grade officers.

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officers wearing black, piped gold shoulderboards entering and leaving this 3-story, brick, permanent-type civilian residence. the building housed from seven to eight families because of its size and that the ground floor was utilized as a communal mess for the building occupants.

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5. Soviet Officer and Dependent Quarters (See item 5, Annex A)

These consisted of four or five 2-story, red brick, permanent-type civilian houses utilized as dependent quarters for field and company grade officers. They held an estimated total of three to four families. officer personnel wearing black shoulderboard piping enter these houses. They were located on Strada Mircea cel Mare just off Boulevardul Lenin

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6. Unidentified Soviet Caserne (See item 6, Annex A)

on Strada Mircea cel Mare and bounded by the Boulevardul Lenin, Strada Maior Giurescu and Strada Decebel was located a Soviet caserne. it contained artillery troops because the gold shoulderboards of officer personnel had red piping and EM wore black shoulderboards with metallic cannon device.

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7. Soviet Military Hospital (See item 7, Annex A)

on Boulevardul Lenin, bordered by Strada Dr Davila, Strada Eroilor and the Black Sea was located a Soviet military hospital. the main building, located directly on the boulevard circle, was a 4-story, permanent type structure.

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8. Unidentified Soviet Caserne (See item 8, Annex A)

on Strada Mircea cel Mare, directly across Strada Decebal from the Soviet caserne reported in section A, 6 and bounded by Strada Maior Giurescu, Boulevardul Friedrich Engels and Strada Smerdan

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was located a Soviet caserne. [redacted] this caserne contained Rumanian Navy personnel. [redacted] Rumanian naval personnel in the area and [redacted] part of the caserne located on Strada Decebal was set aside for them. The buildings located on Strada Smerdan was utilized as Rumanian civilian residences.)

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9. Soviet Recreational Center (See item 9, Annex A)

[redacted] the area bounded by Strada Mircea cel Mare, Strada Smerdan and Strada Mangalia was used by the Soviets as a cultural and recreational area (Sala Sovietica Pentra Sport). [redacted] Soviet military personnel were able to play ping-pong, hold social events and enjoy library privileges here. [redacted]

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10. Soviet Officer Dependent Quarters (See item 10, Annexes A and B)

[redacted] the Hotel Republica (formerly Hotel Carlton) located on Boulevardul Ferdinand between Strada Stalin and Strada Scarlat Varna was used by the Soviets as an officer and dependent quarters. [redacted] 15 to 20 Soviet officers' families might have been billeted here. [redacted]

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11. Soviet Officer Dependent Quarters (See item 11, Annexes A and B)

[redacted] the houses on both sides of Strada Plevna located between Boulevardul Friedrich Engels and Strada Mihail Cugatrichi had Soviet officers and dependents billeted in them. [redacted]

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B. RUMANIAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

1. Rumanian Naval Headquarters (See item 12, Annex B)

[redacted] the Rumanian Naval Headquarters (Comendamentul Marinei Militare - CMM) was located on Boulevardul Carp. [redacted]

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[redacted] The head of all Rumanian Naval forces, Rear Admiral (fnu) MIHAI, was located here.

2. Rumanian Security Troops Headquarters (See item 13, Annex B)

[redacted] the entire area located between Strada Opreanu, Strada Georgescu and Strada D.A. Sturna, which was entirely fenced or screened by buildings, was occupied by [redacted] an estimated regiment (about 700 men) of Rumanian security troops (Securitate). [redacted] the headquarters were located in an old, 3-story building located within this area. [redacted] no weapons of any type except those carried by sentries at the two entrances to this area.

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3. Rumanian Security Troop Office (See item 23, Annex C)

[redacted] this two-story permanent-type building was a Security Force office. [redacted] guards in Security Forces uniform there, but [redacted] this building was too small to billet troops in. [redacted]

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4. Rumanian Military and Civil Prison (See item 14, Annex A)

[redacted] the former Rumanian prison for civilian offenders on Strada Stalin was also being used as a place of confinement for Rumanian military personnel. The latter were awaiting trial for very serious

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military offenses such as desertion, rape, murder, and arson. These prisoners were held here only until the courts-martial were finished; then they were sent elsewhere for confinement.

This prison was also used as a civilian penitentiary, although it was garrisoned by security forces.

5. Rumanian Military Headquarters (See item 15, Annexes A and B)

[redacted] the Rumanian Headquarters, CONSTANTIA Garrison (Comenduirea de Garniziona Constanta) was located on Boulevardul Ferdinand in what was the former Grand Hotel situated between Strada Varna and Strada Stalin. [redacted] CONSTANTIA was located in the Second Military Area of Rumania and was included within the CONSTANTIA Military District (Regiunea Constanta) commanded by Rear Admiral (fnu) MIHAI, of the Rumanian Naval Forces. MIHAI also held the title of Commander of the CONSTANTIA Garrison (Comandentul Garnizioana Constanta).

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[redacted] within the Constanta Military District (Regiunea Constanta), the entire area of Dobruja (including the city of CONSTANTIA and its vicinity), all cities or villages in which are stationed Rumanian military units were referred to as garrisons. Each of these garrisons was further identified by the name of the largest city or village in the immediate neighborhood and commanded by the highest ranking Rumanian military commander stationed within the area. The city of CONSTANTIA was further identified as holding a Rumanian garrison which was commanded by Capt. (fnu) BENESCU, Rumanian Naval Forces. [redacted] the term "garrison" was used to define an administrative area only.

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a. Arrest and Punishment Procedures

Concerning punishment procedures, [redacted] a local commander could send a military offender to Admiral MIHAI, the senior military personage in Dobruja, for further punishment. MIHAI could increase the punishment but could not decrease it. He also did not have court-martial jurisdiction but could bring charges against anyone up to and including a captain. These charges were then referred to a military tribunal which was located in CONSTANTIA.

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[redacted] this tribunal was a sub-branch of the Main Judge-Advocate section in BUCHAREST. [redacted] court-martial charges against a field-grade officer could also be prepared by MIHAI, but these were forwarded to BUCHAREST. From then on, either a tribunal or court-martial board was sent to the local command where the officer was stationed, or the offender was sent to BUCHAREST for trial.

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6. Rumanian Naval Officers' School (See item 16, Annex B)

[redacted] in the area bounded by Strada Michail Calatu and Strada Alexandru was located a Rumanian Naval Officers' School (Scoala de Ofiteri de Marina). The building or buildings were completed

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in 1954.

7. Unidentified Rumanian Underground Coast Artillery Position (See item 17, Annexes A and B)

[redacted] an underground coast artillery position was located along the Black Sea coastline at the end of Strada Rachitasi. This position was believed to have consisted of three bunker-type emplacements with three guns each, with the entire position being electrically operated.

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8. Rumanian Movie Theater (See item 18, Annex A)

[redacted] at the northeast corner of the Public Park, bounded by Strada Stalin, Strada Take Ionescu, Strada Mircea cel Mare and Strada Mangalia, (formerly Strada Stefan cel Mare) was located a large Rumanian motion picture house.

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9. Rumanian Civil High School (See item 19, Annex A)

[redacted] inside the Public Park, near the corner of Strada Mangalia and Strada Mircea cel Mare was located the Liceul Mircea cel Batrin, a Theoretical High School for Rumanian nationals

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10. Unidentified Rumanian Naval Unit (See item 20, Annex A)

[redacted] on Boulevardul Lenin, just off Strada Renes-terei, was located [redacted] one regiment of naval infantrymen (Infanterie de Marina). [redacted] officers wore regular naval uniforms with Army infantry shoulderboards.

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C. MIXED RUMANIAN-SOVIET AREAS

1. Rumanian and Soviet Residential Area (See item 21, Annex A)

[redacted] the entire area located between Strada Eroilor, Boulevardul Friedrich Engels, Strada Decebel, and Strada 11th April contained individual one- and two-family houses. These had been "nationalized" by the Rumanian government and set aside as dependent quarters for Soviet and Rumanian military and civilian personnel.

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2. Soviet and Rumanian Residential Area (See item 22, Annex A)

[redacted] the area bounded by Strada Decebel, Strada Maier Giurescu and Boulevardul Friedrich Engels contained many families of Soviet and Rumanian military personnel. Rumanian civilians were also living in this area.

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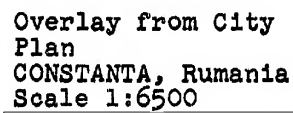
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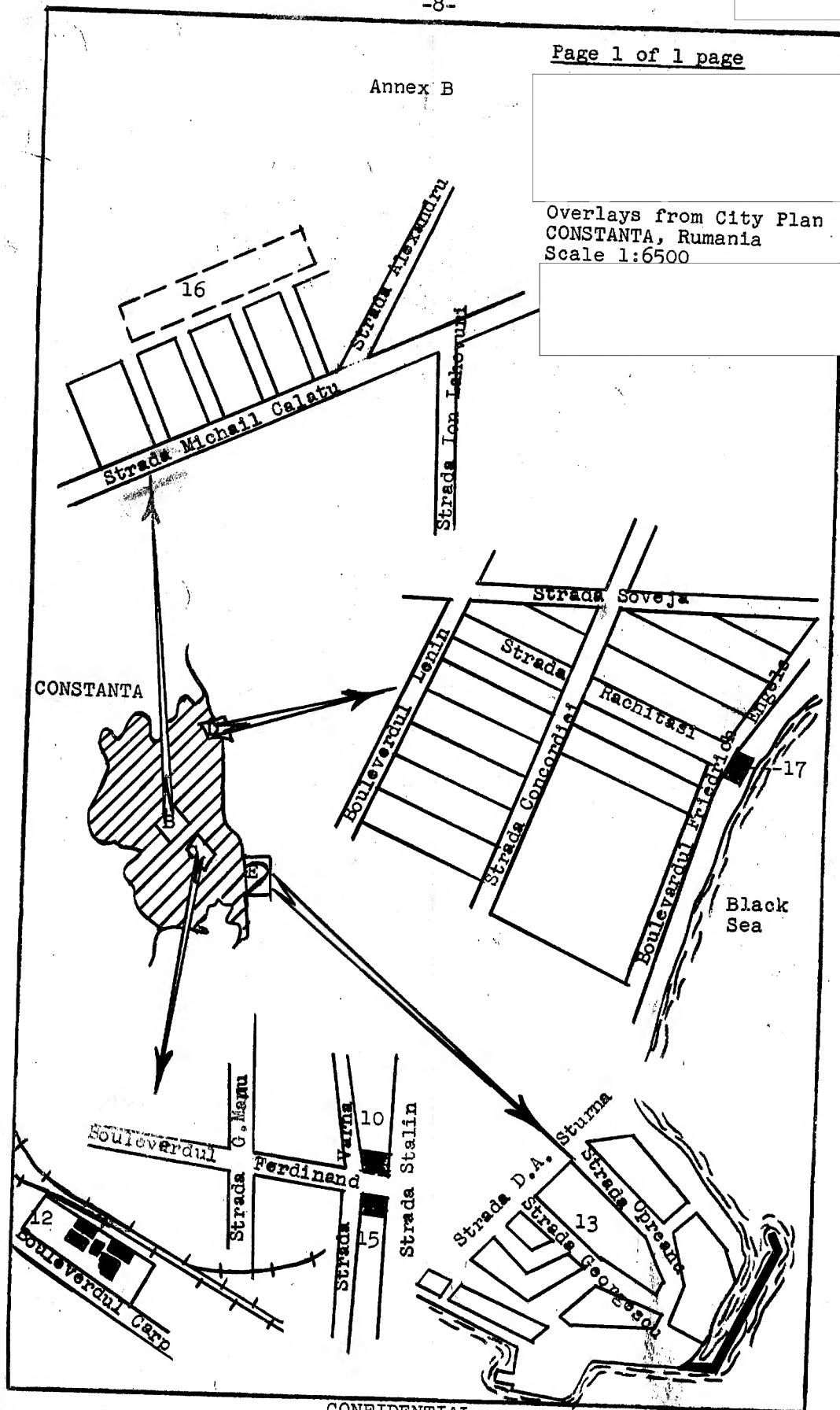
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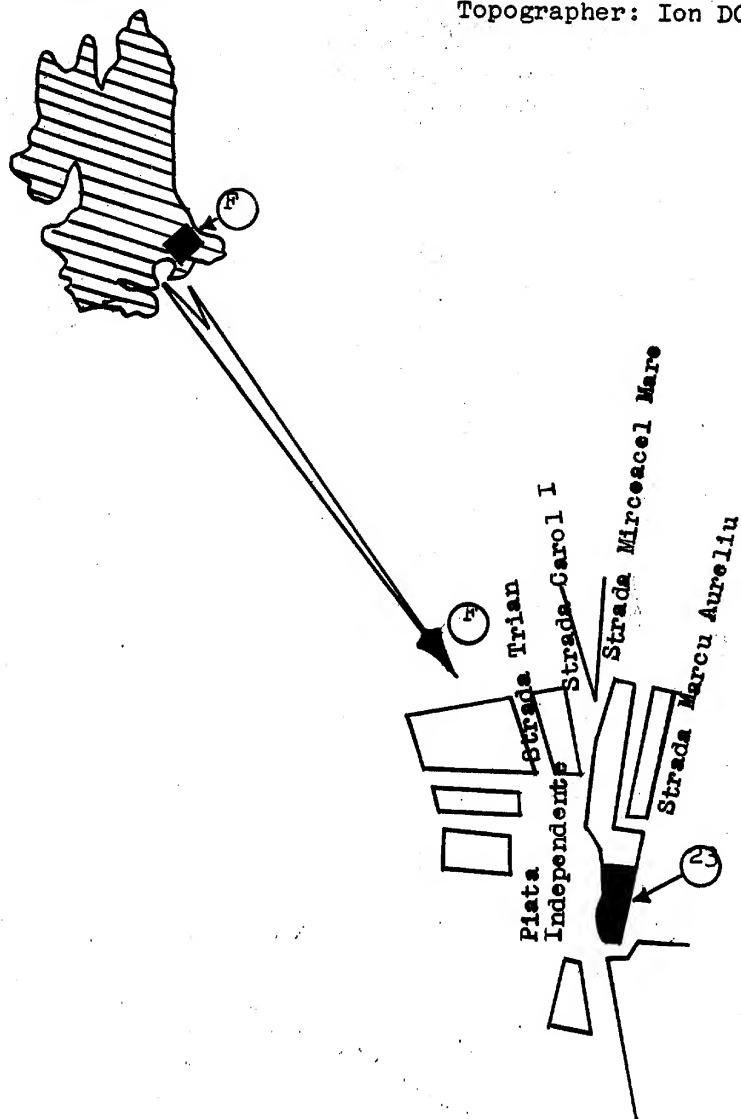
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ANNEX C

Overlay From City Plan
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